

This Week's Calendar

Wednesday, May 24th

6:30p Vespers
7p Catechism Class

Thursday, May 25th

Ascension
9a Liturgy

Saturday, May 27th

5:30p General Panahida
6p Great Vespers

Sunday, May 28th

9:40a Hours
10a Divine Liturgy

ST. JUSTIN THE MARTYR ORTHODOX CHURCH

6th Sunday of Pascha

May 21, 2017

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Sunday of the Blind Man

Acts 16:16-34 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, that a certain girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by telling fortunes. This same girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who show unto us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, being greatly annoyed, turned to the spirit and said, "I command thee in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, saying, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are neither lawful for us to receive neither to observe, being Romans." Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Who, having received such a charge, put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight [when] Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, "Do thyself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." And then they spoke to him the word of the Lord, and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes; and immediately he and all his were baptized. And when he had brought them into his own house, he laid the table for them; and he rejoiced with all his house, believing God.

Ascension of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ
Divine Liturgy, Thursday 9:00a

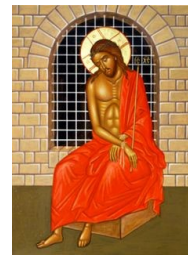


The cemetery is closed temporarily for reseeding until about June 1st
Thank you for your understanding.
Please contact the office if you have any questions at 904-880-7671.

	COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	READERS	DOOR KEEPERS	CANDLE STAND	Council Leader/ Head Usher
May 21	Mary Goodwin, Erika Hatch, Judy Greenberg	Andy Johnson	John & Jill Pendarvis	Sal Barbieri	Stu Greenberg
May 28	Jean Shaw, Bethany Johnson, Mary Starr	Andy Johnson	Robin Marth	Rob Pierce	Greg Poe, Robert Levings
June 4	Jean-Ellen DeSpain, Pam Joyner, Molly Doukas	Ron Osedach	Kathy Taylor	Eddie Gradick	Bruce Humphrey, Andy Johnson
June 11	Lee Ann Pisarchuk, Robin Marth, Beth Poe	John Pendarvis	Judith & Eddie Gradick	Paul Keblish	Jill Pendarvis

John 9:1-38 At that time, when Jesus was passing, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" [which means Sent]. So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore, his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from" The man answered, "Why this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshipper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshipped him.

Welcome Archbishop Mark His Eminence, Archbishop Mark is the Archbishop of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania, and is here on behalf of Vladyka Alexander to ordain Subdeacon James Marth to the Holy Diaconate. His Eminence was consecrated to the Holy Episcopacy on Dec. 5th, 2004 and is a graduate of SVS (M.Div. 1991). In addition to all His duties as hierarch of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania, Vladyka Mark is the Episcopal Moderator of the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. Thank you Vladyka for being with us and making this day possible. *Eis polla eti Despota!*



Today is Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday

"Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who suffer evil, as though you yourselves were suffering."
(Heb. 13:3)

"I was in prison and you visited me" *(Mt 25:36)*

Our Lord identifies with prisoners. With the departure of Kenny Kidd we have a need for an Orthodox Prison Chaplain to visit the death row inmates. Presently we have one serious inquirer and three Orthodox Christians on death row. To learn more, please speak with Fr Ted.



St. Augustine Scavenger Hunt June 2nd.

Meet at the Johnson's home 7:00p. For middle and high school. Bring your phones to take pictures and some money for food! Sign up on the youth bulletin board.

MS/HS Pool Party

Friday, June 16th, 7p: drop off at the Poe's
Saturday, June 17th, 11a: pick up
Pizza, swimming, games & fellowship
Sign up on the youth bulletin board.



Join the fun!